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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Hi,

The proposed settlement to the Microsoft antitrust case will do little (and very possibly nothing) to prevent Microsoft from behaving exactly as it has in the past. The proposal as it stands will not seriously effect Microsoft's ability to use it's functional monopoly through the Windows operating system to give it illegal advantages in the wider software market. Microsoft as a company has consistently demonstrated the will and ability to twist fair business practices to give themselves unfair (and sometimes illegal) advantages in almost every major category of software. Doing anything less than splitting them into independent companies will leave them room to twist the terms of the settlement proposal to their advantage in the same way they have twisted many other market factors.

There are rumors that both Sun and Microsoft have "encouraged" large numbers of people to contribute to the comment process. You probably have no way to verify this, so it probably doesn't matter a whit, but I want to state for the record that I have no association with either company and am submitting this comment solely as a result of having read many troubling news items in the past few months that compel me to involve myself in one tiny way in the legal process.

Thanks,
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